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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Leonard J. Weinstein.

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Date of Interview: 30 October 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic   b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant   2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes   e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 5.

Identification of prior art discussed: Steck et al. 6,402,486.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached.   g) ☐ was not reached.   h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: In the interview discussion focused on the elements of the instant application disclosed as the "main block," "main ring," "sub ring," and "pilot valve block" and the differences between these elements and the corresponding features of the prior art listed above. Specific to the interview was the assertion by the applicant that the elements of the instant application defined a structural relationship that through assembly allowed a pilot valve block to apply an axial force onto a main block that was not taught or suggested by the prior art. The examiner pointed out that the instant application as claimed did not present limitations limiting the instant invention in such a way to define over the prior art in the office action of July 17, 2007. No agreement regarding possible claim language that defined over Steck et al. 6,402,486 was reached.